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Councillors approve snack bar, signage for new arena

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors approved additional expenses for the township's arena project – additions that have been referred to as “value-added items” throughout the process – during a special meeting on Sept. 17.

Those items are ones that are not included in the project's \$12.75-million budget, and range from furniture to artistic murals to the paving of the balance of the parking lot.

The arena will include a proper snack bar or canteen, councillors decided, the construction costs for which were not captured under the project's budget. At one point in time there had been some suggestion from staff that the space where the canteen would go could be populated by vending machines, but a number of councillors have maintained that an arena needs a proper snack bar where hot foods can be prepared. It's unclear at this point whether the township would operate it directly, or put out a request for proposals for its operation.

“I think we have to go ahead with the canteen and I'd like to go ahead with it now, because this has just dragged on too long,”

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Back to school in the forest

Home-school students walk into the Enchanted Forest, taking a break from their educational fall programming led by Irene Heaven on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Abbey Gardens. Due to COVID-19 prevention restrictions, the home-schoilers did not have a spring session this past year and returned to the Enchanted Forest for the first time since it was vandalized last year. Donations from the community have helped to restore the kids' activity area. The Forest was a project designed by the students. /DARREN LUM Staff

AH cancels Dorset Snowball amid pandemic

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council has cancelled popular winter festival the Dorset Snowball amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Councillors made that decision during a

Sept. 17 meeting after hearing a report from parks, rec and trails director Chris Card.

Card told councillors that normally, organizing for the February event, which includes a host of winter activities and attracts thousands of people, begins in September.

“Committees are not currently meeting due to COVID-19 restrictions and no date is currently known about when this will be pos-

sible,” read a report from Card. “The Dorset Snowball committee meets regularly during the planning phase and is a paramount component of the event.”

“I have reached out to the health unit, and we have done some research on what other jurisdictions and locales are doing,” Card told councillors. “Nobody announcing

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Terry Fox Run continues, with changes

Diane Peacock, centre, was able to participate in Minden's Terry Fox Run with her family, husband Perry and daughter Caitlin, on Sunday after years of organizing the event as chair. / Submitted photo



A total of 21 members of the Campbell family had their photo taken before they set off on their walk around Minden. /Photo submitted



Barb Millington, chair of this year's Terry Fox Run, an event in which participants could take part independently, posed for a victory picture alongside Deb MacLean and Carol McClellan after they completed the full 10-kilometre walk. /Photo by Shirley Venner



Nash Bain saw the Terry Fox Run signs promoting the event and after learning about Terry's run and cause, decided to cut corn stalks and sell them as bundles – he presented former Terry Fox Run chair Diane Peacock with \$116 he had raised from the effort.

"So proud of your fantastic start with the Terry Fox Run," said Peacock. "Nash, a big thank you for what you did, and hope you enjoy learning more about Terry." /Submitted



Michael Dillane opted to bike for the Terry Fox Run this year, and wore his Terry Fox shirt for the event. /Photo submitted



Jarett, Kristen, Jai and Kaija Rowden were in Minden for the Terry Fox Run on Sept. 20 – Mom, Kristen, has been participating since she was a baby. /Photo submitted

CORRECTION:

In the story "Moore Lake tragedy leaves one man dead," published in the Sept. 16 issue of the *Times*, Eniko Talas was incorrectly referenced as Eniko Tamas. The *Times* regrets the error.

Safety first priority for 2021: council

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anything on their winter festivals yet. The health unit is reviewing it, and [is] going to be getting back to us, but I haven't heard anything back from them as of yet. The way that the restrictions look right now, if we were to plan the event, we'd have to plan around being able to manage an event that draws several thousand people, without having more than 100 people gather at any given time. Everybody would have to remain socially distanced. All of the types of protocols that we have come to live with and expect would have to be in place, which I also anticipate would be a lot more effort from staff, we'd need more volunteers just to be able to sort out lineups, etc., and cleaning and disinfecting regularly of all of the booths and all of the visitor experiences."

Provincial restrictions had been 50 people for indoor gatherings and 100 for outdoor ones, but since last week's council meeting, the limits have been decreased to 10 and 25, respectively.

Councillors agreed they couldn't see how the festival would be logically workable.

Kids bounced safely along the snowy ground and into one another in the BodyZorb Balls in the ball diamond in Dorset as part of the Snowball activities Feb. 15, 2014. The event has been cancelled for 2021, as organizers were not sure what the winter will bring with the coronavirus pandemic./JENN WATT File photo

"We know that events all over have been cancelled," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "Our focus needs to be on the public safety issue and our ability to actually undertake the recommendations across any of the aspects of the event."

"For me, the death knell really is the limit on gathering sizes," said Councillor Jennifer Dailloux.

"At first, I sort of went through my head, how could we possibly do this in a safe way, and we just can't," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen. "And it's one of the most disappointing things that we would do, is to cancel it, but I just feel strongly that we are going to have to cancel it."

"Asking our volunteers to come and participate when there's so much unknown is just not fair," said Councillor Julia Shortreed, whose ward includes Dorset. "I just can't see a way of making it work where everyone is safe enough."

Next year, 2021, would have marked the 31st year of the Snowball. Almost all annual public events that take place throughout Haliburton County have been cancelled amid the COVID-19 crisis.



Reconstructed road ready

The reconstruction of IGA Road in Minden has been underway for about a month and was substantially complete as of last week. The project included the addition of a sidewalk along with new culverts. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

County firefighting specialist sent to assist with Oregon fire

by JENN WATT
Editor

A firefighter from Haliburton County has joined a team of 19 specialists sent from Ontario to assist with fighting fires in Oregon.

More than 24 people have died in the United States due to wildfires in Washington, Oregon and California with millions of acres affected and air quality badly compromised for much of the west coast.

"Ontario is an internationally recognized leader in wildland fire management with staff who are highly trained and skilled in fighting wildfires," a statement from Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski reads. "We have been working together with other provinces and territories to field a Canadian team to support the firefighting efforts in Oregon."

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Ontario deployed 19 personnel to Oregon's Holiday Farm fire, which includes the community of Blue River.

The MNRF would not provide the *Minden Times* with the name of the firefighter, but confirmed that the fire management personnel from Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services included one person from Haliburton County. MNRF has a fire base at the Stanhope Airport.

Ontario has provided eight task force leaders, seven division supervisors, one heavy equipment group supervisor, one heli-base manager, one agency representative, and one national COVID-19 coordinator.

"We want to thank our dedicated personnel for stepping up in this critical time of need and showing the true Ontario spirit. We wish them success in their mission and look forward to their safe return," Ford and Yakabuski said in their joint statement.

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Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

October 8 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 24 – Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

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- Use oven mitts when checking or removing food from the oven or stove.

- Keep your cooking area clutter-free! Move anything that can burn at least 1 Meter (3 feet) away from the cooking area, including oven mitts, towels, wooden utensils and food packaging.

- Keep your little ones safe in the kitchen! Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 1 meter (3 feet) around stove and areas where there is hot food or drink.

- Tired, drowsy? Take a break from cooking and order take-out! Only cook when you're alert and can stay focused.

- Put a lid on it! Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

- If an appliance feels too hot, smokes, or gives off a strange odor, unplug it immediately and have it serviced or replaced.

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Navigations of Iron by Gary Blundell

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Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Gary Blundell is a trained geologist, his artwork often begins with rocks.

His paintings reflect landscape as transformed through development and always imbued with human experience and memory. This exhibition explores the remains of the iron age of Haliburton County. Between 1870 and 1900, there was great hope that the iron ore found between Kinmount and Tory Hill would bring prosperity to the area. The area today is littered with the remains of these activities. The mine test-holes and mine sites can be found throughout the woodlands. There are still the remains of railway berms, intact bridges and decaying waiting rooms. The exhibition also includes work by Andre Lapine, from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery collection, and artifacts from the Minden Museum.

Truss by Carey Jernigan

September 29 – November 28

Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Jernigan's work features wood, light, and memory. She explores industrial processes, material culture, and the people and places they shape. This exhibition includes three separate installations that touch upon feminism,

sexual assault, the rapid changes in technology (specifically pertaining to woodworking) and borders. Jernigan's work moves between skilled craft to visual art and is interactive as well as thought provoking.

Fall felting workshop: Make a needle felted leaf brooch

Saturday October 17 10am to 2pm
Needle felt a fall brooch using a blending of fall colours. Using a leaf-shaped cookie cutter, learn how to create the shape and back it so it can be worn as a brooch. A lovely fall keepsake or gift. Supplies included Registration required. Call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763. Cost is \$10

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Saturday October 24 10am to 2pm
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- **More nurses** will be in schools.
- **School cleaning** will be enhanced.



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Minden Hills councillors approved additional expenses for the township's new arena, pictured here, during a Sept. 17 meeting. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Funds to come from reserves, debenture

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said Councillor Jean Neville. "In view of, hopefully, post-COVID times, there might be somebody very interested in setting it up, and we need the facility there and be able to move forward on it and not keep discussing this over and over again. So whether we run it or somebody runs it, we need a canteen there."

All members of council were in agreement. The estimated cost for the canteen, including electrical work, plumbing, appliances, painting, millwork, etc, is \$40,000.

All together, with updated figures, the list of nearly 20 value-added items, were they to be completed, totalled more than \$500,000. Minden Hills has received an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant to pay for \$130,000 worth of items. Councillors went through the list, deciding to approve expenses for some, seek more information or more exact figures on others, or scrap others completely.

"I'd just like that we get rid of a bunch of the clutter that's on this page," said Councillor Bob Carter, ". . . and just realize that there's four or five items left that we need to be talking about."

A sprinkler system for the existing community centre space, for example, had been on the list, and councillors agreed that should be discussed separately as part of their regular budget deliberations.

One item that was approved, which cost well above the amount that had been budgeted for it, was signage and way-finding signage for the new facility.

Ottawa's McDonald Brothers Construction, which was the sole bidder on the project, has been responsible for tendering sub-trades throughout the process. As a report from Minden Hills chief administrative officer and clerk Trisha McKibbin read, "McDonald Brothers Construction released a tender for signage and way-finding for the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in July, 2020. Both suppliers who submitted bids for the tender provided the cost to supply the signs and MBC have included budget

value to install them. The base budget (part of the project budget) for signs was \$2,722 and anything exceeding this amount will need to be paid for by the municipality. As such, the awarding of the tender is coming forward to council for review and approval."

Council awarded the supply of the signs to Signs.ca for more than \$11,100, and with MBC's installation fee of almost \$3,000, the total for signage and way-finding signage comes to more than \$14,000.

Signage is required for technical completion of the building.

"We need the signage that we need, everyone concur with that?" asked Mayor Brent Devolin as councillors went through the list.

The signage money was approved, and the funding for it and other items approved during last week's meeting will come from either reserves or further debenture. A loan from provincial lending organization Infrastructure Ontario is paying for the bulk of the project.

Other items approved by council also to be paid for through reserves or debenture included a projection screen and projector for \$9,500; lobby furniture for \$15,000; a fitness room access control panel for \$7,300; and additional security cameras for \$7,100.

Council was concerned about apparent markup on some items – including \$46,000 for lobby furniture – as well as a canopy for the rear entrance of the buildings, and reports with more detail on those items will come back to the council table.

The project's initial budget was approximately \$12.5 million, with McDonald Brothers later coming to council requesting and receiving an additional \$250,000, bringing its total base budget to \$12.75 million. The facility includes an NHL-sized ice rink, six change rooms, office space for community services staff, a multipurpose gymnasium, fitness room and elevated walking track. Construction began in spring of 2019, was delayed by a month amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and is expected to be complete this month.

Opioid overdoses in region may surpass 2019 numbers

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Preliminary data in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district reports 15 suspected overdose deaths from January to May of this year, compared to 20 opioid related overdose deaths in all of 2019, while in the province, an approximate 35 per cent increase in overdose deaths was reported from April to July this year, compared to the same period last year.

According to statistics released by the City of Kawartha Lakes Police Services in August 2020, an overall increase in overdose rates in 2020 might occur compared to last year. The Kawartha Lakes Police Services board reports 88 suspected overdose incidents and six deaths so far in 2020, compared to 93 suspected overdose incidents and nine deaths last year in total.

Anecdotal reports from other local police services, emergency medical services and other community partners also point toward an increase in the number of overdose events in recent months during the pandemic.

Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, provided an update on the health unit's harm reduction program enhancements at the board of health meeting held through a conference phone call on Sept. 17.

"In responding to COVID-19, access to supports and services for people who use drugs has been limited," said Noseworthy. "Physical distancing and social isolation may be necessary to slow COVID-19, but using substances alone increases the risk of overdose. Rising anxiety and depression due to the pandemic, as well as an increase in toxic drug supply, have also fuelled the increase in overdoses."

The health unit response to addressing the opioid crisis in the HKPR district throughout the COVID-19 pandemic included continuing operation of the Needle Exchange Program supply distribution at health unit office locations with additional safety measures in place, and continued distribution of

naloxone kits to registered agencies regular consultation with other agencies, including PARN, Green Wood Coalition and FourCast, that have a more direct relationship with people who use substances, "adding perspective beyond the official stats, such as people experiencing overdoses not calling 911, the local presence of a new drug or a drug with increased potency, and barriers and challenges people face to access support services" working with two area shelters to ensure client access to harm reduction supplies, assisting with issues as they arose creating and distributing information resources to people who use substances on safer substance use and harm reduction during COVID-19, including to shelter clients sharing relevant overdose data and alerts with EMS, police and hospital partners, as well as member agencies of the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy, to provide for a coordinated response – so far in 2020, four surveillance reports, two drug alerts and five drug alerts from neighbouring health units have been shared.

Additionally, the health unit distributed more than 48,000

needles, with 31,000 needles returned (a 64 per cent rate of return) and made 452 contacts with 41 new contacts in the first quarter. In the second quarter, more than 36,500 needles were distributed with more than 17,000 needles returned (a 47 per cent rate of return) and 407 contacts were made, 30 of those being new. The health unit acknowledged "the second quarter numbers may be inaccurate due to the simultaneous occurrence of a new data inventory and reporting system and COVID-19."

In the first half of the year, 354 naloxone kits were distributed to community agencies, compared to 329 kits during the same time period in 2019.

"During COVID-19, harm reduction efforts have continued to be a priority for the health unit and our community partners," said Noseworthy. "The health unit continues to provide the needle exchange program and the naloxone program, as well as its opioid surveillance, early warning and local opioid response programs."

This is the cumulative data on confirmed COVID-19 cases in the HKPR District Health Unit area.

	Haliburton	City of Kawartha Lakes	Northumberland	HKPRDHU
Confirmed Cases	15	178	41	234
Current Probable Cases+	0	0	0	0
Current High Risk Contacts+	2	6	4	12
Hospitalizations (Total to Date)	1	11	3	15
Resolved**	15	159	34	208
Not Resolved	0	0	6	6
Deaths	0	32	1	33
Current Outbreaks	0	0	0	0

At left is the cumulative data for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit as of Monday, Sept. 21. Haliburton County has had 15 total COVID-19 cases and all of them have been resolved. Visit hkpr.on.ca to see data updated Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. /Screenshot from the health unit website



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Ample opportunity

I'VE COVERED Haliburton County council for a long time – a dozen years next month – and in that time, I've never seen a council so concerned about providing ample opportunity for public input as the current council is about providing such on the county's draft shoreline protection bylaw.

As many readers will be aware, that draft bylaw, being created to help protect lake health in the county, restricts site alteration and the removal of vegetation within 30 metres of the high-water mark. Discussions around the creation of such a bylaw have been underway for a couple of years and earlier in 2020, county councillors had been discussing what kind of public consultation process would take place. The plan had been for at least a component of that public input process to include a series of town hall meetings that would have taken place throughout the summer. Then, in March, the COVID-19 pandemic struck Ontario. Work on the bylaw, and much other municipal business, was frozen for a number of months as the province went into lockdown.

Discussion on the draft bylaw resumed during a Sept. 9 county committee-of-the-whole meeting, that conversation just slightly shorter than the movie *Titanic*. For anyone to suggest that council is not doing a thorough job when it comes to the creation of this

bylaw would be outrageous. That discussion was just one of many more that are going to take place. It included councillors reviewing sections of the draft bylaw and talking about what type of public input framework the county would undertake. That conversation was scheduled to continue this week. Obviously, as the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, digital platforms and other remote means of communication will form a big part of that input framework. Council is even contemplating hiring a communications firm to create materials for that process.

Yes, the draft bylaw is controversial, as anyone who's part of any waterfront community in the county can surely attest to. Around the eight-seat county council table, there is disagreement about what should be contained in the bylaw. While Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he was comfortable putting it out for public review the way it was, Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he thought the draft bylaw went too far.

The bottom line is, the county is going way, way beyond anything it's required to do to ensure there is ample opportunity for public input on this matter. Everyone who wants to have their say is going to get that chance, and anyone who says they were not aware of any of this, has not been paying attention.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Kwarky



"He pulled that one out of thin air!"

Skunks: the last frontier

IN THESE challenging times, when Ontario is looking to attract a different kind of tourist, I think it is high time we started thinking out of the box.

Which is to say, I believe it is time we let the world know that this province has a very liberal skunk hunting season. Heck, in some areas, skunk season is open year-round and, in the remaining regions, skunks can be hunted from Sept. 15 to the last day of February.

Also, there are no limits.

This makes Ontario a skunk hunter's paradise. Hey, I think I just found the slogan!

Naysayers might be wondering why we would do this?

I mean, Ontario has world class skunk hunting but, up till now, it has been our best kept secret. Why would we want to share this with those less fortunate?

Because of the untapped tourist dollars, that's why.

What kind of tourist would this attract? The short answer is bachelors. More specifically, confirmed bachelors. And, if the skunk hunter in question isn't a confirmed bachelor, he will be for at least a month or two after a successful hunt.

If you think about it, the skunk hunter is almost the perfect tourist. For instance, if a group of skunk hunters visit, they'll all want separate rooms in hotels, just in case one of them succeeds. Also, they'll drive up in separate vehicles for exactly the same reason. Think of the money spent in new clothes, detergent, and tomato juice too.

And let's not forget skunk hunting is the perfect sport in these socially distant times too. You never have to tell good skunk hunters to stay six feet apart. Nor do you have to tell other people to stay six feet distant from the skunk hunters. Plus, when skunk hunters

are around, everyone holds their breath.

Of course, we can't be unrealistic about this. There are probably other regions of the world competing for the lucrative skunk hunting market. That's why Ontario has to be proactive and start letting the world know about the phenomenal skunk hunting opportunities we have.

Look, I get it. We want to keep our natural resources to ourselves. But – and you might be surprised to hear this – skunks are an underutilized resource in Ontario.

Despite our generous seasons and limits, I can't say I know a single skunk hunter. Nor does anyone else I know. And, believe me, those guys aren't hard to locate if they're around.

I blame this on horrible marketing. When's the last time you saw a game cookbook with a good skunk recipe included? Or when is the last time you saw a gentleman donning a skunk skin hat at a prestigious event?

Admittedly, we are talking about a niche market here. But what if we broadened it and tried

to advertise to people with smelling disabilities or to people who have a sense of smell that has been dulled by their work – people in flatulence research, for instance? Or those who develop the colognes that teenaged boys hose themselves down with?

Also, if we were to place a few skunk hunting stories into tourism brochures and maybe create a trophy skunk registry, we might be able to draw the attention of those looking for a new hunting experience, to compensate for their lonely bachelor existence.

If we did this right, hunters would come here from all over the world to earn their stripes. And our tourism people would know the sweet smell of success.

OK, maybe not sweet.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Can individual passion save us?

“**A**LL THE rainbows in the sky
Start to weep, then say goodbye
You won’t be seeing rainbows any more ...”

I was listening to those lyrics when I opened a newspaper to a shocking new United Nations report on the state of nature. The lyrics are from Roy Orbison’s 1964 rock ballad ‘It’s Over.’

When I finished reading the UN report I feared Orbison was right – it is over. We are well on the way to having destroyed our planet.

I admit that listening to Orbison can cause someone to view the world darkly. His music often was dark, sad and lonely, much like the singer himself.

Orbison had reason to be sad. His first wife, whom he divorced because of her infidelity then remarried her, died in a motorcycle accident. A couple of years later two of his sons died in a house fire.

For all his troubles, Orbison did not have to worry about pollution and climate change destroying the world. They were not big issues back then.

They are now and the just-released UN report – *Global Biodiversity Outlook 5* – says that in the past 10 years the world has not fully met a single target to slow the destruction of wildlife and life-sustaining ecosystems.

Twenty targets to reduce pressures on our natural world were agreed to by 193 countries meeting in Japan in 2010 for the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Despite some progress, says the report, a large number of species are threatened, natural habitats continue to disappear and governments still offer hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies that allow environmental damage.

Also, the *Living Planet Report 2020*, produced by the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) and the Zoological Society of London, reported that earth’s wildlife populations have declined dramatically because of human overconsumption.

There was an average 68 per cent decrease in mammal, bird, amphibian, reptile and fish populations between 1970 and 2016, said the report.

It adds that nature is declining at a rate unprecedented in millions of years. Deforestation and conversion of wild lands for agriculture were cited as two main reasons.

“The way we produce and consume food and energy, and the blatant disregard for the environment entrenched in our current economic model, has pushed the natural world to its limits,” Marco Lambertini, WWF director general, writes in the foreword to the report.

All this has led to humanity at a crossroads, says Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, the UN’s biodiversity head. It’s a crossroads that will decide how future generations experience nature.

“Earth’s living systems as a whole are being compromised,” she says. “And the more humanity exploits nature in unsustainable ways and undermines its contributions to people, the more we undermine our own well-being, security and prosperity.”

What is needed urgently, says the Living Planet report, is a deep cultural and systemic shift to a society and economic system that stop taking nature for granted and “recognises that we depend on nature more than nature depends on us.”

The countries signed on to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity are supposed to meet next May in China to finalize targets for the current decade.

The meetings continue, the targets get set and the reports flow, but little changes.

Real progress is hampered by the bureaucratic blob that feeds off slow-moving governments and institutions like the UN.

The changes needed are to our lifestyles and they won’t come about quickly through government and its bureaucracies. They will happen if people passionately want them to happen and begin taking individual actions that lead to group action.

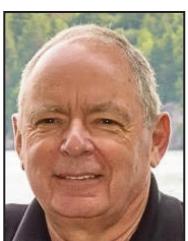
Margaret Mead, the American cultural anthropologist prominent in the 1960s-70s, had that figured out long ago.

“Never ever depend on governments or institutions to solve any major problems,” she said. “All social change comes from the passion of individuals.”

The recent reports are depressing enough to put Orbison’s ‘It’s Over’ on replay.

However, another report, released this month by Newcastle University and BirdLife International, says 28 bird and mammal extinctions have been prevented by conservation efforts in the last 27 years.

Hopefully Margaret Mead’s faith in individual passion will be proven out and more extinctions will be prevented as people decide it is time to become stewards of nature, instead of simple users.



JIM POLING SR.
From *Shaman's Rock*

letters to the editor

Restoring the public boat launch on Bob Lake

To the Editor,

The Bob Lake Association (BLA) would like to address some of the comments made by members of Minden council regarding the restoration of our public boat launch, and reported in the Sept. 9 issue of the *Minden Times*. We appreciate council’s financial support towards the professional design cost for the launch and would like to thank Councillor Pam Sayne for not losing sight of the actual facts that brought us to where we are today.

The public boat launch (near Deep Bay Road) was advertised and maintained by our municipality for more than 60 years. The launch served over 70 per cent of property owners with boats, and provided quick access for island properties, emergency services and local residents, as well as for the delivery of docks and other items. As Councillor Sayne pointed out, “it was assumed by all including the township,” that the launch was on municipal land.

In the summer of 2016, the boat launch was abruptly closed without any public warning while almost 150 boats were still on the lake. The township offered to help with boat removal but not until after Thanksgiving. By then, all but eight owners had managed to remove their boats by other means.

Waterfront property owners comprise the majority of voters in Minden Hills. On Bob Lake alone, there are over 230 waterfront properties representing almost 500 voters. The public launch did not just serve the people who lived there. Residents from the local community and their families were also able to enjoy one of the area’s most beautiful lakes for fishing, boating, swimming and other recreational pursuits. Restoration of their public launch would serve more than “only a few boaters” as suggested by Councillor Neville.

When the BLA formed in 2017, a survey showed that 97 per cent of its members wanted to see the public launch restored. After an extensive and time-consuming search, the association identified a site on Claude Brown Road as the only viable location.

Earlier this year, the BLA hired EcoVue Consulting Services to prepare a feasibility study of the Claude Brown location. The potential that some private land might be required for the launch was raised by both township staff and EcoVue. The BLA believes there is already enough room within the road allowance for the safe operation of a launch, and it was determined the matter would be resolved through a professional design.

The EcoVue report includes cost estimates for several reports to satisfy municipal, provincial

and federal requirements for the launch. The BLA obtained estimates from local contractors for the actual construction. With the addition of a significant contingency fund, the total cost of the launch is expected to be under \$100,000. This amount, based on professional quotes, is significantly less than the \$300,000 claimed by one of the councillors.

Councillor Bob Carter said he was a “bit concerned” the BLA does not represent the majority of people on Bob Lake. However, a 2018 survey, which was submitted to members of council, shows 97 per cent of 140 property owners strongly supported restoration of the launch. The following year, a petition obtained 147 signatures from those in favour of the launch. Twelve local businesses and two local associations also wrote to endorse the project. Councillor Carter also added that we (the BLA) “certainly do not have agreement from the neighbours.” Deputy Mayor Schell said council has to “consider people living on Claude Brown Road who will be affected to appease the people on Bob Lake.” The people on Claude Brown are also Bob Lake cottagers and the majority will be appeased by and benefit from a public launch. Both councillors will be pleased to hear that a door-to-door survey was conducted earlier this month where we spoke with 60 per cent of the property owners who live on Claude Brown Road. All of them were in full support of the proposed launch, and we look forward to connecting with the remaining 40 per cent as the survey continues.

The public boat launch issue should be of concern to all taxpayers and property owners. If a public launch is not restored, a proliferation of private launches will negatively impact the ecology of Bob Lake, impacting the lake’s health for future generations. This is in stark contrast to the county’s push for a shoreline protection bylaw, and Mayor Devolin was quoted as saying, “water quality and natural habitat is the underpinning of the economy, full stop.”

The loss of the public launch, which was in operation when most of the cottages on the lake were built, has negatively impacted property values. Many owners who appealed their property assessments, as a result of the launch closure, saw their municipal taxes reduced by 10 per cent — and the burden for paying those taxes shifted to others in the township who were not located on Bob Lake.

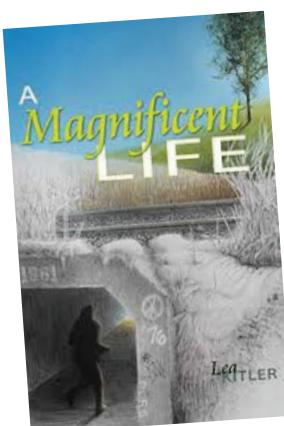
In conclusion, we are not asking for special treatment with regard to a public boat launch. We are planning for the restoration of a municipal asset that was removed without replacement.

Robert Rossell
Bob Lake Association - Vice chair

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Staff pick - September

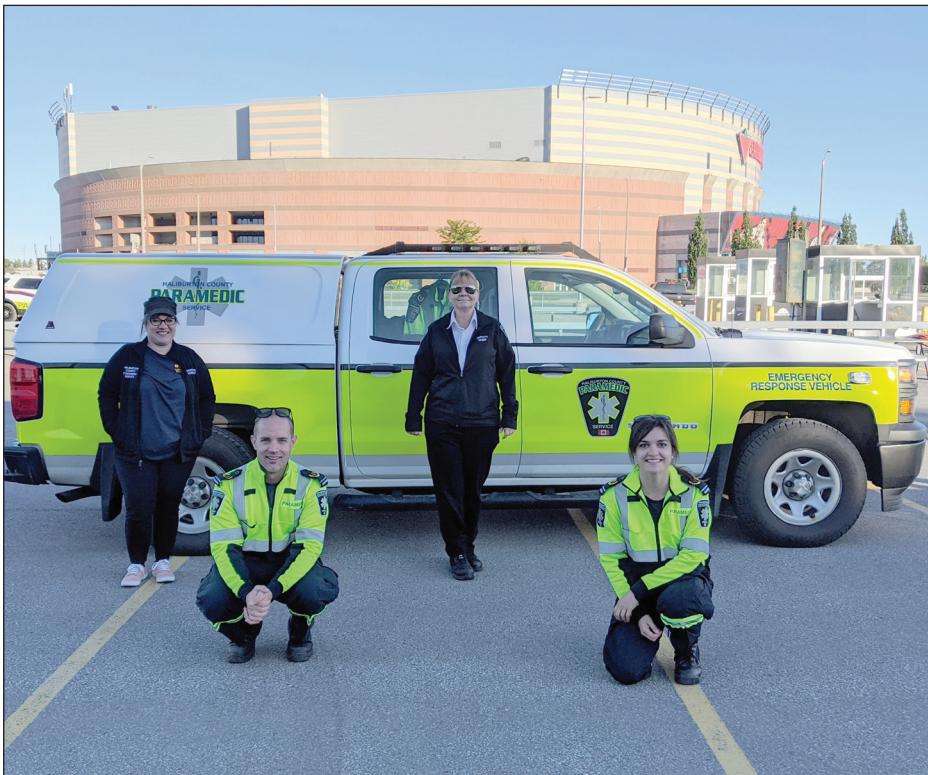
Administrative Support Coordinator Julie Thornton Suggests:



A Magnificent Life by Lea Kitler

A courageous 15-year-old girl must cope with dark events in her family home. Her story involves many of our current social problems: Hunger, greed, homelessness, abuse, and murder. She falls into personal depths of despair, to be awakened with the knowledge that suicide is only a question – never the answer.

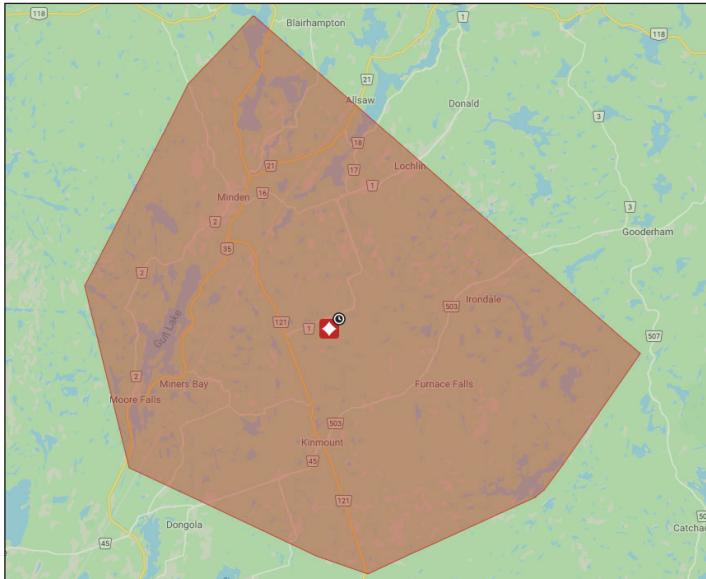
Julie says: The author is a local person who I’ve met, the cover art was very interesting and I assumed by the title that the book would be about her life on her farm, Magnificent Hill. When I started reading *A Magnificent Life* by Lea Kitler, I quickly realized that this book was so much more. This is the story of Lea’s life, its highs and its lows laid out beautifully. I chose this book because of how it made me feel and the lessons it taught me. Rating: 10/10



Helping neighbours

In response to a request from Ontario Health East, Haliburton County sent four staff from its paramedic service to Ottawa to assist with swabbing for COVID-19 over the weekend. About 2,700 patients were seen on Saturday and Sunday. Back row from left, Amy Brohm, executive assistant; Jo-Ann Hendry, deputy chief. Front row from left, Jeff Ryan and Taya Rigelhof./Photo submitted by Haliburton County Paramedic Service

Hydro One says about 6,000 of its customers will be affected by a planned power outage on Sunday, Sept. 27 in Minden and the surrounding area. / Image provided by Hydro One



Power outage planned for Sunday, Sept. 27

About 6,000 Hydro One customers are expected to be without power on Sunday, Sept. 27 as upgrades and maintenance are done in the Minden Hills area.

Between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m., residents in Galway, Minden, Somerville, Minden Hills, Snowdon, Glamorgan and Cavendish may lose power as Hydro One replaces three smart switches, which help to reduce frequency and duration of outages, and 43 poles that have reached their life expectancy. The poles are to be replaced with woodpecker-resistant wood/composite poles.

"We know this is a challenging time to be without power and we would like to thank our customers for their patience during this time," a statement from Hydro One reads.

They ask that customers observe physical distancing measures with crews to ensure safety of everyone.

Those affected will be notified by auto-dialer, but those seeking more information can also call 1-888-664-9376 or refer to the outage map at stormcentre.hydroone.com.

Hydro One provides the following tips for outages:

- Make sure your appliances are in the off position, such as the stove.
- Make sure your devices, such as a smartphone, and extended battery packs are fully charged.
- Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Use a cooler with ice for items you'll need during the planned outage.
- Consider filling jugs of water to use for drinking and cooking if you have a generator.
- If you plan to use a generator, remember to use it in a dry area outdoors away from any open windows, doors and vents. Visit the Electrical Safety Authority at esasafe.com for more tips.
- If you have a bathtub, consider filling it with water before the planned outage begins. You can use the water and a bucket to fill your toilet tank to be able to flush.



Paramedics assemble outside the Canadian Tire Centre in Ottawa on Saturday, Sept. 19. Paramedics came to assist with COVID-19 testing in the Ottawa area, including from Haliburton County. Nearly 700 people were seen on Saturday and more than 2,000 on Sunday. /Photo by paramedic chief Mike Nolan of Renfrew County

Fundraiser lifted spirits and assisted Rotary

To the Editor,

Thank you so much for allowing me to inform your readers, a couple of issues ago (thank you to the *Minden Times* for the article and follow up pictures), of my cancer story and invitation to the "Humorous, Cutting Edge, Spirit Lifting Extravaganza" and fundraiser for the Minden Rotary Club. I needed to show that having breast cancer is not a morbid topic. In this day and age breast cancer is beatable.

Yes, this event's purpose was also to show that the Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast is alive and well and operating with gusto as always with me in the background for a short time. Thanks to Pat and Jan for being hosting heroes throughout all this.

The friends, colleagues, other cancer survivors and a host of new community friends all showed up Sept. 3 donning funny hats and their spare change etc in hand to donate to Minden Rotary.

What wonderful fun we had seeing the parade of hats people were wearing. The purpose was to share hats that could be examples of how to cover my soon-to-be-bald head. Those who could not attend also sent texts and emails with pictures.

Many stepped up to the mic to tell stories, read letters and poems of support. What a truly rich gift of being roasted and loved. Thank you to all (too many to name) for the very uplifting and ongoing memories and messages of support. Thanks to Eric for mastering the expertise of the PA system.

The cha-cha-ching of cash being poured into the big metal bowl meant hours of rolling coins much later. When all was said and done the rolled coins alone tallied about \$1,000 (and 250 pounds). Others brought paper money and cheques. What an incredible, generous community we live in. I remind the reader that all proceeds of the day and matching dollars rang up to a whopping \$6,000 for the Minden Rotary. Those who could not attend went to the MindenRotary.ca red donate button also. Many thank yous to everyone for a full afternoon of laughter, ongoing positive energy, fun and games. Thanks Franny, you helped keep our records up to date allowing for thank yous and tax receipts.

Staff

Each person was invited to bring two toonies

and in the spirit of fundraising I promised that everyone would go home without them. Best of all the mystery game emptied every visitor pocket. Shhhh don't tell anyone about the Sunny Rock Extravaganza game so we can catch others another time. Some are still wondering what really happened. Special thanks to Maria for being the game master as I sequestered myself on the deck above the game laughing hysterically.

In among the coin clinking was the sound of laughter as the crowd shared a social moment and a little taste of Boshkung Beer on the decks overlooking the Scott's Dam Falls. Special thanks to Kaz our Boshkung host and to Boshkung Brewery for providing the libation.

Minden Rotary makes some wonderful contributions both locally and internationally and the community should be proud. I encourage you, if you know a Rotarian, please say thank you to them as they are extraordinary community members volunteering with the simple principle of service above self. You too could be a member if that philosophy sparks an interest. Ask a Rotarian how to participate.

I would like to say a special mention to the anonymous person who left a personal message in my mailbox on Sept. 3. She too had gone through what I'm going through and the note shared many serious messages and personal anecdotes of her experience. I truly thank you for being so open and positively charged. It leaves me with an optimism and a purpose to help others as you have for me. One anecdote that left me giggling even to this day. "As women we spend our lifetime and a great deal of money considering how to wear our hair and style it. Truly I never once considered bald."

Those who stayed around to the end of the event witnessed and had a front row seat for my deep rooted shave and the start of my health recovery journey...being bald.

To everyone in my "life and community bubble" of encouragement and support I personally thank you and I send (if I could) to each one of you warm wrap around hugs!

Sally Moore
Minden Hills

HHHSF thanks departing chairperson for years of dedication

by DARRIN LUM
Times Staff

The 23rd annual general meeting for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation was about recognizing the uncertainty of living through a pandemic and the strength of the community, which provides the backbone for the local health-care services.

At the AGM, which was held via Zoom on Thursday morning, Sept. 17, there were two contrasting themes: hello and goodbye.

It was hello to the world of masks and social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19, which has meant the cancellation of major fundraising events and altering how things typically work. It was goodbye to long-standing chairperson Peter Oyler, who announced he was stepping away from the board after close to 17 years of service.

Auditor John West of Grant Thornton LLP congratulated the foundation's board and the community on a successful year.

"As our communication letter notes no issues, no unadjusted items, no significant items to report to the board and we don't have recommendations for improvements because we couldn't find anything needing improving," he said.

West presented the foundation's financial report up to March 31, 2020.

The report stated: "As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation has had to curtail and postpone some of the fundraising activities that were scheduled to take place subsequent to year end. While these actions may have an impact on future donations and fundraising revenue, it is not known at this time what that impact will be.

The Foundation's investment portfolio has experienced a decrease in market value as a result of the volatility in the markets."

The value of the portfolio is \$1,075,695, which is down from \$1,307,512.

The report further stated: "Accordingly, the financial position and results of operations as of and for the year ended March 31, 2020 have not been adjusted to reflect their impact, if any. At this time, the duration and impact of the outbreak and its potential adverse effects on the Foundation's business or results of operations are uncertain and will depend on future developments."

Executive director Lisa Tompkins acknowledged fundraising efforts have been hindered because of COVID-19. She said there has been support from the community, the board and volunteers.

"And while many of our traditional fundraising events have been furloughed or cancelled we continue to develop and execute new ways of virtual outreach and we're nonetheless so appreciative of the support and generosity shown by so many over these past months and this year," she said.

President and CEO Carolyn Plummer credited the foundation for its ongoing support of capital expenses and programming for the community. The foundation transferred \$909,171, contributing to acute and emergency care, palliative care and community support services.

Plummer said it's been 20 years since the Minden and Haliburton hospitals were built and that achievement wasn't possible without the foundation.

"Our current main facilities wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the tremendous efforts of the foundation to raise the necessary funds.

And it's been 20 years since our current facilities have opened. We're extremely grateful for all the support you've provided to make that happen," she said.

She adds a celebration for the milestone is being considered.

Retiring from the foundation board are Angela Jones and Murray Martin, who were acknowledged for their efforts. Also retiring is HHHSF chairperson Peter Oyler, who has served on the board since 2003.

Oyler was initially at a loss for words.

"But it's been a great 16 years ... plus," he said.

He joined the board as a liaison for the Township of Minden Hills council, which he served on for several terms.

"I think what has kept me going on the foundation board the last 16 years or so is the fact that this community and the board have been so dedicated to the cause and continue to be dedicated to the cause of supporting the foundation and the corporation providing top quality health care in this community. There's no doubt in my mind about that," he said.

Oyler thanked this board and past board members, current and past CAOs, executive directors such as Tompkins and past executive director Dale Walker, past and present staff such as Carol Simmons. To the community, he said, "Your constant giving has made the foundation and our health services what it is. To the corporation, to Carolyn, to your staff, particularly to all your front line workers Carolyn during this crazy, crazy year – a year in which we all want to take the opportunity to press the restart button – my personal thanks to all that you've done." Oyler also thanked the news media in attendance.

Incoming chairperson Eric Recalla said Oyler provided "leadership and vision to a growing foundation. He led the foundation in raising over \$11 million to the present date. Peter has been timeless and tireless ... as a dedicated leader. It is impossible to truly count the hours he has volunteered over his 17 years as a great ambassador for the foundation and the community," he said.

Oyler deflected the credit for the \$11 million, saying it is owed to the community.

Among the achievements that Oyler has been at the helm of the foundation for include the raising of the \$6 million for the construction of the hospital and the palliative care centre.

"Peter, on behalf of the foundation, I want to thank you for your excellent leadership and wish you all the best in your future endeavours," Recalla said.

Recalla said Oyler's style of leadership includes collaboration.

"I have a very active committee board and I will be soliciting their input as much as possible," he said.

The past vice-chairperson has been on the board for five years and is proud about having been raised in the north end of Haliburton County. Although the 66-year-old left the county for work once he graduated high school, he always had property here in his family name.

As the incoming chairperson for HHHSF during a time of uncertainty with COVID-19, Recalla's message to the public was "Be optimistic. Be patient, and be caring for other people. Be careful of your surroundings. It's important we care for other people and care for ourselves and our family."

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Robert Charles Baker's son Walter Baker, wife Donna and their granddaughter Hanna drove up from Cavan to help clean up the roadside in Algonquin Highlands as part of the Adopt-A-Road Program. /Photo submitted



Some of "Bake's" grandkids (from Peterborough and Oshawa). /Submitted photo

Family comes together to honour 'Bake' and keep county clean

Saturday, Sept. 19 was a perfect day – for picking up trash. The family and friends of the late Robert Charles Baker, affectionately known as "Bake" came together to clean up

a section of Little Hawk Lake Road, which is part of the Haliburton County Adopt-A-Road Program.

Bake spent many years living on Little Hawk Lake Road and as a self-employed contractor; he put in many septic systems, cleared lots, hauled gravel and plowed driveways. He was very well known in the community and while having a "gruff" side to him, would always help out his fellow neighbours, friends and was a strong supporter of the Stanhope Fire Department. Bake passed away in 2002. Several years ago, step-daughter Christine contacted the Haliburton County Adopt-A-Road Program and initiated sponsoring a section of road that Bake would have driven daily.

The family does annual clean-ups, walking along the road picking up trash from both sides of the road and in the ditches, but this year brought one of the largest family turnouts. Bake's son Walter, his wife Donna Baker, and their granddaughter Hanna (Bake's great-granddaughter), drove up from Cavan; other family members came from Oshawa and Peterborough as well as locally; even Bake's partner Mary Stiver at 86 years of age.

Kathy Nesbitt, Bake's step-daughter, says that she thinks everyone being cooped up due to COVID-19 may be the reason so many participated. "We maintained social distancing and were mindful of all sanitary precautions," she said. "It was the first time several family members had seen each other in a very long time; and with the bridge being closed on Little Hawk Lake Road, there was much less traffic. That was nice as there were so many youngsters out this year."

As far as the road cleanup went, everyone was surprised at how much less garbage there was this year. Only four full bags collected. Some years there has been double. Nesbitt says "it's sad that people still throw garbage out on the road, but seeing less is encouraging."

To find out more about the Adopt-A-Road Program please contact the County of Haliburton at 705-286-1333.

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RC "Bake" Baker, for whom the road is sponsored. /Photo submitted

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Tips to reduce chance of wildlife collision

Ontario Provincial Police are reminding motorists not to veer for wildlife as they drive, releasing information on what to do if you see something on the road.

"If you spot a deer or other animal on the road ahead, stay in control, reduce your speed as much as possible and steer straight," says inspector Dave Tovell, OPP manager of traffic and marine programs in OPP East Region. "Don't veer for deer. By changing your direction quickly, you increase the risk of losing control, running off the roadway and rolling your vehicle. This increases the likelihood of sustaining greater damage to your vehicle and serious injury."

The OPP have released the following tips:

- Scan the ditches and not just the road ahead of you. You may spot deer or other wildlife approaching the road and be able to take precautions.
- Where you see one deer, expect more.
- Slow down. The slower you go, the more time you have

to react should you encounter any wildlife on the roadway.

- Wildlife can move across roads at any time of the day or night.
- Watch for glowing eyes at night.
- Don't veer for animals. Reduce your speed quickly, steer straight and stay in control.
- Don't be distracted behind the wheel.
- Ensure you are wearing your seatbelt. If you need to stop in a hurry, you want your body restrained to prevent unnecessary injury or possibly death.

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Camping traffic remains up in AH

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Rental revenue from camping sites in Algonquin Highlands' Haliburton Highlands Water Trails remains up over last year, despite being closed for several weeks earlier in the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The township re-opened its water trails campsites in mid-June and since then, has experienced a boom in demand. A report from parks, rec and trails manager Chris Card that Algonquin Highlands councillors received during a Sept. 17 council meeting showed that for the month of August, revenue was nearly \$69,000, a 28 per cent increase from approximately \$52,000 in August of 2019. As of the end of the August, water trails revenue for the year was more than \$312,000, a six per cent increase over approximately \$295,000 that had been collected at the same point last year.

"We continue to have one of the busiest years on record," Card told councillors.

"Do you anticipate the water trails revenue and bookings will move into the fall, and secondarily, what do you think the impact will be on winter activities, seeing as more and more

people are choosing the outdoors these days?" asked Mayor Carol Moffatt.

"If the trend continues, we can expect that, yes," Card said. "The trend of very busy parks is something that's common across the country. Many people during this pandemic are staying at parks closer to home, likely people who may otherwise have travelled abroad or outside of the country or other parts of the province are utilizing park spaces closer to home, that they weren't doing before. So, we could expect that busyness is going to go into the fall, and the winter, ski trail activities, hopefully."

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux wondered if continued increased demand would create a need for enhanced staffing.

"If it is deemed that next year, numbers are going to remain high, for whatever reason, do you think that your department has adequate resources, staffing, etc., to meet that need, or would we be looking at something new in the budget, potentially?" Dailloux asked.

"It is something I've been looking at and I would like to put something together for council's consideration," Card said. "With the high level of attendance this year, it has been a significant challenge for staff to keep up. We're also noticing that many of the visitors that are new to the area are also just getting into the activity of backcountry camping, and as such,

there's just a little bit more time required between staff, a lot more questions to be answered, and some more followup with things. So, it has put a strain on us from a staffing perspective and council could expect to see at least some sort of consideration around that for next year."

"Certainly, if people are wanting to take advantage of the opportunities that we offer, then we should be prepared for them, so that's good to know," said Moffatt.

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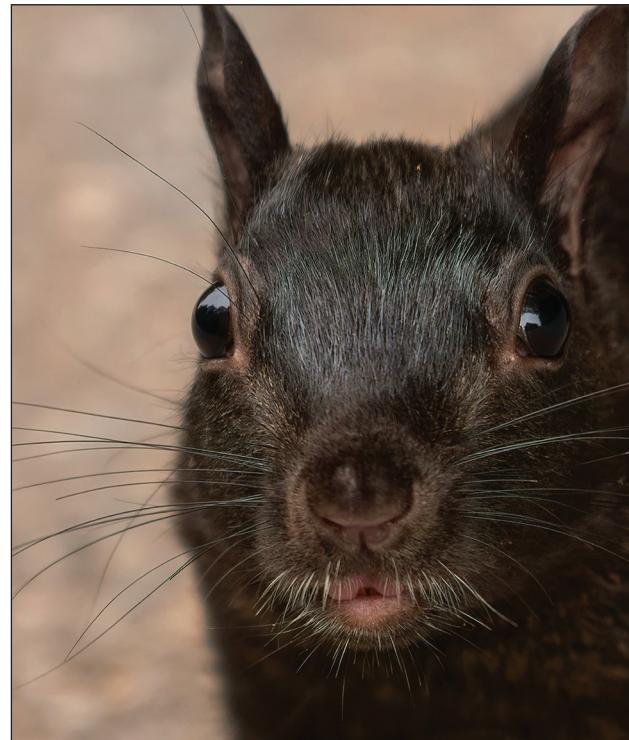
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Of the three macronutrients, carbohydrates get a lot of negative attention. There have been many low or no carb diets. Recently, there seems to be a bit of a shift happening. Now there's the 40/30/30 diet. Sounds like the combination to the lock I used on my high school locker. Actually, those numbers are the percentage of the macronutrients to be consumed in a day. It would be 40 per cent carbs, 30 per cent protein and 30 per cent fat. While it may sound like carbs are leading the way in this diet but they aren't really. The Canada Food Guide recommends that our diet should consist of 45 to 65 per cent carbohydrates. Keep in mind there are carbs in fruits and veggies as well as in bread, pasta and potatoes.

If this sounds confusing to you know that you're not alone. I'm confused too. While I was once someone who religiously tracked my calories I didn't pay attention to the breakdown between the macronutrients. I found that by focusing on consuming mostly non-processed foods, especially vegetables



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

and fruits, I either lost or managed my weight. Most importantly my body had the energy it needed to do everything I needed to do. Some people are quite scientific about their food consumption. This is important if you're a competitive athlete or like to train for recreational events in a serious way. Some folks just like to experiment and learning the best combination of the macronutrients can be a useful bit of knowledge if the process doesn't become overwhelming. It's those moments of frustration that can result in a stop at the convenience store for a bag of chips, a chocolate bar and a big bottle of pop.

Weight loss is about the calories in being less than the calories out. Weight management is about the calories consumed equalling the calories expended. How you make up those calories in the way of carbs, proteins and fats can be as individual as our fingerprints. To complicate things, your body may need a different combination depending on your activity level on any given day. So, keep things simple. Eat well and don't overeat. That may just be the best combination to follow.

Something to think about.

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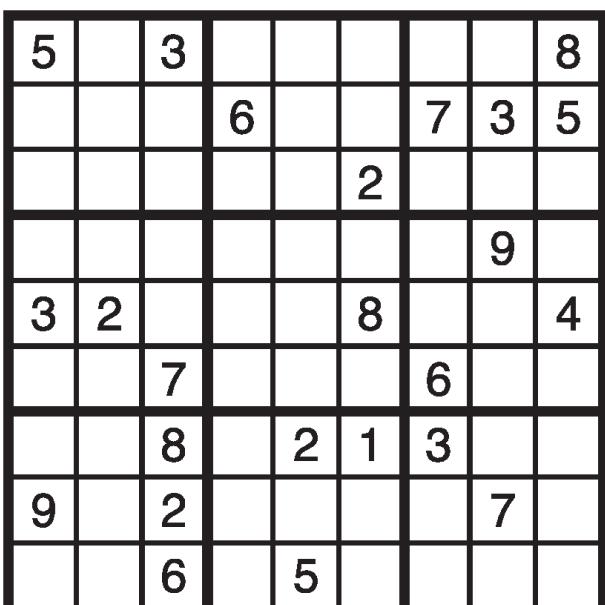
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Answers on page 14

Fun By The Numbers

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Community cleanup

Minden Rotary worked to clean up the ditches along Deep Bay Road heading out of Minden. Tucked in behind the crew is seven bags that will now go to the dump. The Rotary members had a great time in the sunshine on the warm afternoon. Members are Phylis Baker, Scott Baker, Lynda Litwin, Mike Jones, Betty Mark, Sharon Foster, Bill Obee, Bob Taylor, Dave Bonham and Jeanne Anthon. Missing from the photo is Andy Campbell and Rotaract member Christine Carr. Thanks to all! If you would like to see what else Minden Rotary has been hard at work doing check out the website at www.mindenrotary.ca or follow them on their Facebook page. Watch for their upcoming Christmas online auction. /Submitted by Lynda Litwin



Class circle

Home-school students eat snacks while in the Enchanted Forest, taking a break from their educational programming led by Irene Heaven on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Abbey Gardens. Because of gathering restrictions during the pandemic, the home-schoolers did not have a spring session this past year and returned to the Enchanted Forest for the first time since it was vandalized last year. The Forest was a project that was designed by the students. /DARREN LUM Staff



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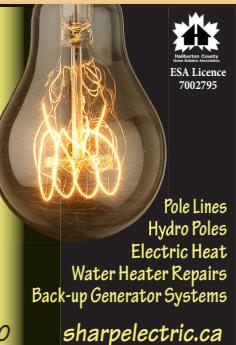
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Annual flu vaccine 'more important than ever'

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

It might not be the vaccine that has been on everyone's mind this year, but the annual flu vaccine will be available in Haliburton County and across Ontario in October, and according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit quoting Immunize Canada, "it's more important than ever to reduce the spread of flu."

"The best protection against influenza is the annual flu vaccine, so the health unit encourages everyone to get vaccinated this year," said Marianne Rock, health unit manager of health protection. Influenza is a serious respiratory illness caused by a virus, according to the health unit website. "People of any age can get the flu, and illness usually lasts five to 10 days, sometimes longer in older adults and in people with chronic diseases," reads the site. "Most people who get the flu are ill for only a few days. However, some people can become very ill, possi-

bly developing complications and requiring hospitalization."

Symptoms of influenza include fever, cough, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, extreme weakness and fatigue.

"The best way to prevent the flu is to be immunized every year," reads the site.

"The flu shot is a safe and effective way to protect you and your family from becoming ill with the flu. The flu shot strengthens your immune system to build up antibodies against the virus. It can take up to two weeks for antibodies to build up after you get the flu shot."

Health experts are urging the public to consider getting a flu shot this year to help combat the challenges on our health-care system dealing with both COVID-19 and flu season.

"As we head into what could be a second wave of COVID-19 this winter, getting flu vaccine has added benefit and significance this year," said Rock. "The more people who get flu vaccine, the better protected they will be from influenza. That can be extra critical at a time when many health-care resources are being deployed to respond to COVID-19. If fewer people have to go to the doctor or hospital for influenza this winter, that frees up needed resources in the fight against the pandemic."

"Getting flu vaccine this winter will also reduce a potential

double whammy of becoming infected with both influenza and COVID-19 at the same time," she said. It is important for residents to know that the flu shot does not offer protection against COVID-19.

"The viruses that cause influenza and COVID-19 are very different and distinct," said Rock. "That means the annual flu vaccine will just protect people from influenza, not COVID-19. Getting a flu shot is still important because influenza is a serious infectious disease in its own right."

It's still too early to determine how effective this year's flu vaccine will be in reducing the risk of influenza, according to Rock.

"As you know, the World Health Organization determines the most likely flu virus strains that will be circulating in the upcoming flu season," she said. "The vaccine is then manufactured to protect against these strains. When there is a good match between the flu vaccine and the circulating flu strains, people's risk of getting sick from influenza is greatly reduced. Even if the match isn't exact, getting the flu vaccine still offers a person more protection than if they did not get a shot."

While some people who get the flu vaccine will still get sick from influenza, it is usually milder than if they had not been vaccinated.

Typically the flu shot is available at medical clinics including doctor offices, and also at pharmacies, the involvement of the latter Dr. Norm Bottum of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team said "has significantly improved patients' access to the vaccine. There should be no excuse not to get it."

This year is the first that pharmacies can also offer a high-dose flu shot, available to those 65 years and older.

"My message this year will be even stronger to encourage folks to receive a flu shot for the same reasons we want a COVID vaccine," said Bottum. "To protect yourself against a potentially dangerous virus and to protect others around you, especially the vulnerable."

Dr. Nell Thomas, also with family health team, noted that anyone over six months of age needs vaccination.

"Get your flu shot this year and urge others to do the same," she said. "The more vaccinations you have, the greater your protection from the variety of influenza strains that present each year."

"If 65 per cent of the population is vaccinated, that can reduce the burden of disease in a community significantly and make what could otherwise be an overwhelming situation actually manageable by our small team of health-care workers."

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Forest threat

The Asian long horned beetle has the potential to devastate forests.

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Activism works

The Sierra Club's Elizabeth May was an inspiration for local environmentalists.

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In Quotes

You may seem like just a tiny mosquito against the big government but think about how much a mosquito bothers you in your room at 2 a.m. when you can't sleep.

Elizabeth May, page 3

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Fast footing

Rasmus Juergensen breaks past his marker in the midfield during the match against Fenelon Falls Falcons earlier in the season. HHSS lost 2-nil. Most recently the Red Hawks dropped another match against LCVI 3-1. They remain winless this season. See the whole story inside.

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Times staff

The story of the Village Green begins with one woman's dream and ends in the coming together of a community.

Two years ago, Lois Rigney had a vision to transform the patch of land behind the CIBC on Main Street in Minden into a place that could be enjoyed by all who came into the village. She saw gardens overflowing with beautiful flowers, benches filled with local residents out for a stroll or just stopping by to chat with friends and, most importantly, she saw a place that would make the community and local business owners proud.

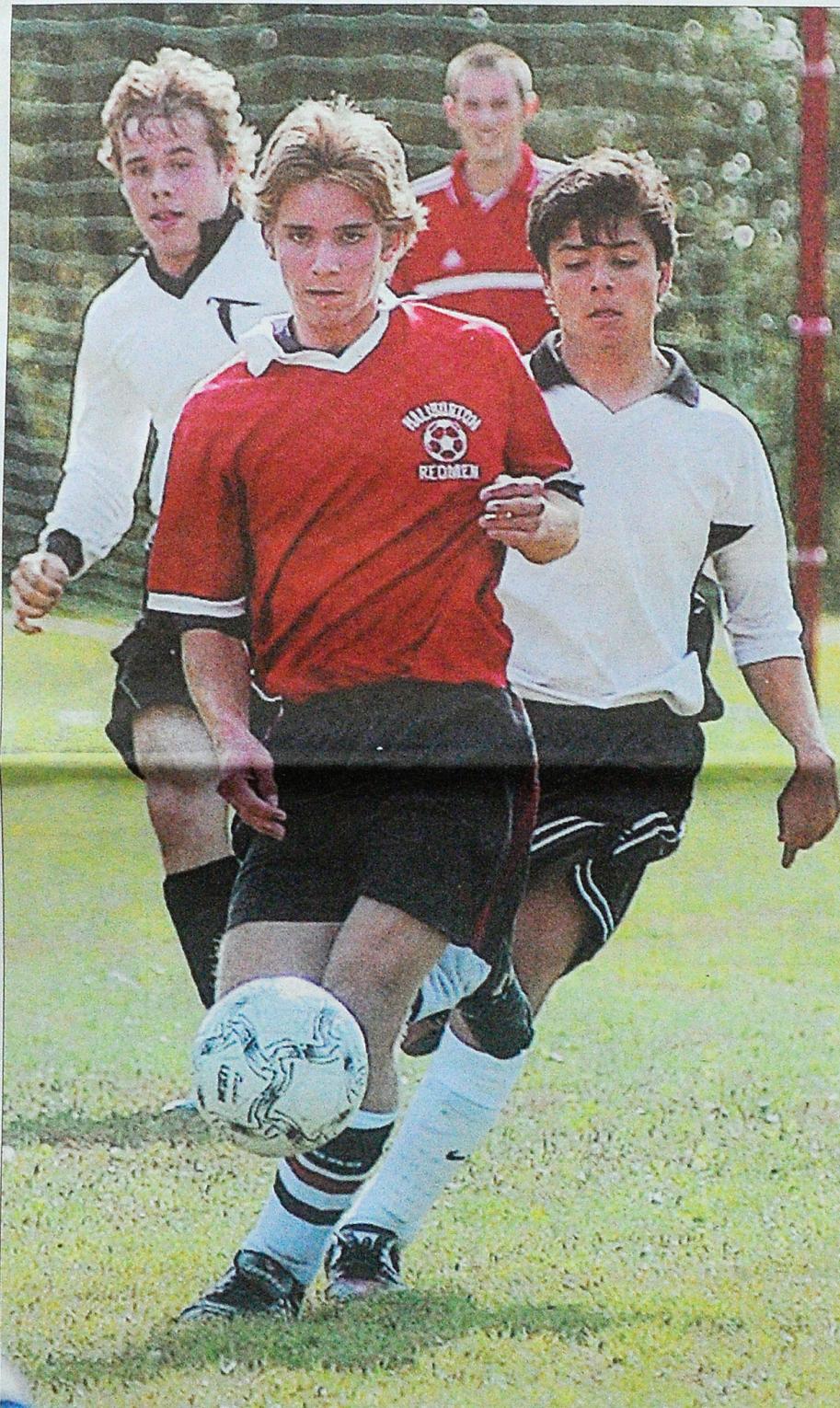
On Saturday, as she stood surrounded by the realization of her dream, Rigney looked at those gathered for the opening of the Village Green and said, "I'm here to share the dream with you."

After the idea came to her to do something with the space, Rigney says she turned to three women who she knew would be just as determined and enthusiastic to help.

Rigney called on Jeanne Anthon, the former reeve of Minden, Pat Campbell the owner of Campbell's Flower Shop, and Ann Cherry, a seasonal resident whose brother volunteered her for the job.

"We met over hot chocolate and coffee," Rigney said of their first meeting in October of 2002. During those initial weeks, the group of four women planned a strategy. They drew on each

see VOLUNTEER page 4



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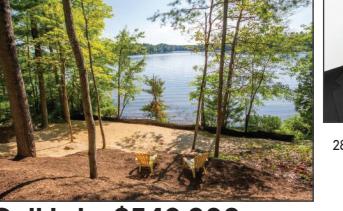
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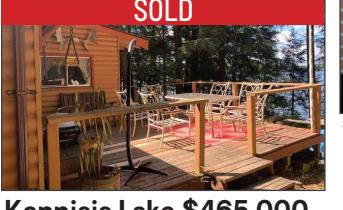
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